

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 536

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A RESOLUTION to applaud and honor the students, teachers, and administrators of Bearden High School upon its receipt of the Good Sports Always Recycle award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding high schools that, through the dedicated efforts of their students, teachers, and administrators, bring honor to the State of Tennessee while providing a unique educational experience and endeavoring to positively impact the environment; and

WHEREAS, Bearden High School in Knoxville is one such estimable institution, and it distinguished itself as one of only ten Tennessee schools to be recognized with the 2005 Good Sports Always Recycle Award; and

WHEREAS, created twelve years ago to educate students about recycling and reward them for their efforts, each year the Good Sports Always Recycle Award recognizes ten schools each year from across the State for their recycling efforts; and

WHEREAS, sponsored by the University of Tennessee, the Eastman Chemical Company, the Knoxville Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Waste Connections, and Food City, the program, part of an educational outreach program to Tennessee's schools has been a fixture at the University of Tennessee's Neyland Stadium in Knoxville since 1993; and

WHEREAS, the Good Sports Always Recycle program works hand-in-hand with the University's UT Recycles, UT Cares program, which this year introduced a new tailgate recycling program in several of the lots surrounding the stadium; the goal the of UT Recycles, UT Cares program is to collect 2.5 tons of recyclable material per game;

WHEREAS, teachers and principals nominate recycling programs at their schools in hopes of receiving recognition from the Good Sports Always Recycle program, which is available to more than 2000 elementary, middle, and high schools across the State; and

WHEREAS, Bearden High School was among the winning schools which received a commemorative plaque and a \$500 check for their exceptional devotion to the cause of recycling; and

WHEREAS, the Bearden High School students' commitment to preserving the environment in Tennessee by supporting their schools' recycling program epitomizes the spirit that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, we wish to seize this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding high schools; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend the students, teachers, and administrators of Bearden High School for their honorable and astute service to the environment of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we applaud their receipt of the 2005 Good Sports Always Recycle Award, offering our deepest gratitude for the significant role they have played in the preservation of Tennessee's environment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.